

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Carl Glimm, on February 10, 2015 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317C  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Carl Glimm, Chair (R)  
Sen. John Brenden, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Nancy Ballance (R)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)  
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch  
Stephen Forrest, Legislative Branch  
Barbara Smith, Legislative Branch  
Rita Tenneson, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:** Budget Overview Department of Transportation and introduction of staff; Legislative Finance Division Budget Overview; Department of Transportation; Overview General Operations, Administration Division Department of Transportation; Overview Highways and Engineering Division; Department of Transportation; Overview Maintenance Division, Department of Transportation; Overview Motor Carrier Services Division, Department of Transportation; Overview Aeronautics Division, Montana Department of Transportation; Overview Rail Transit and Planning Division Montana Department of Transportation.

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00:00:30 Chairman Glimm  
00:00:35 Gerry Murphy, Office Budget, Program and Planning (OBPP)  
00:03:55 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:04:32 Gerry Murphy, OBPP  
00:06:19 Rep. Ellis  
00:06:50 Gerry Murphy, OBPP

**Budget Overview Department of Transportation and Introduction of Staff**

00:07:24 Mike Tooley, Department of Transportation (DOT)

**Legislative Finance Division Budget Overview for Department of Transportation**

00:16:42 Catherine Duncan, Legislative Finance Division (LFD)  
00:25:54 Sen. Rosendale  
00:26:07 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
00:26:19 Sen. Rosendale  
00:27:05 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
00:29:34 Sen. Rosendale  
00:29:50 Mike Tooley, DOT  
00:30:39 Sen. Mehlhoff  
00:31:00 Mike Tooley, DOT  
00:31:08 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation (DOT)  
00:32:41 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:33:22 Larry Flynn, DOT  
00:34:24 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:34:33 Larry Flynn, DOT  
00:34:40 Rep. Ellis  
00:35:10 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
00:37:28 Rep. Ellis  
00:38:01 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
00:38:25 Sen. Keane  
00:38:54 Larry Flynn, DOT  
00:39:05 Sen. Keane  
00:39:29 Larry Flynn, DOT  
00:39:41 Sen. Keane  
00:39:48 Larry Flynn, DOT  
00:40:05 Sen. Keane  
00:40:13 Larry Flynn, DOT  
00:40:36 Catherine Duncan, LFD

**Overview General Operations, Administration Division Department of Transportation**

00:41:22 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation, DOT

**EXHIBIT(jnh30a01)**

00:50:57 Sen. Keane  
00:51:17 Larry Flynn, DOT  
00:53:11 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
00:55:31 Chairman Glimm  
00:55:52 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
00:58:17 Larry Flynn, DOT  
00:59:44 Chairman Glimm

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01:02:13 Chairman Glimm  
01:02:22 Larry Flynn, DOT  
01:02:46 Chairman Glimm  
01:02:57 Larry Flynn, DOT  
01:03:21 Rep. Ballance  
01:03:40 Larry Flynn, DOT  
01:03:51 Rep. Ballance  
01:04:06 Larry Flynn, DOT  
01:04:26 Rep. Ballance  
01:04:39 Larry Flynn, DOT  
01:05:02 Rep. Ballance  
01:05:29 Larry Flynn  
01:05:35 Chairman Glimm  
01:05:41 Larry Flynn, DOT  
01:06:21 Jon Swartz, Department of Transportation (DOT)  
01:07:17 Chairman Glimm  
01:07:22 Jon Swartz, DOT  
01:07:46 Sen. Keane  
01:09:32 Larry Flynn, DOT  
01:10:21 Rep. Mehlhoff  
01:11:04 Mike Tooley, DOT  
01:11:58 Chairman Glimm  
01:12:23 Larry Flynn, DOT  
01:20:48 Sen. Keane  
01:20:55 Larry Flynn, DOT  
01:21:08 Sen. Brenden  
01:21:20 Larry Flynn, DOT  
01:21:36 Sen. Brenden  
01:21:43 Larry Flynn, DOT  
01:25:06 Sen. Keane  
01:25:19 Larry Flynn, DOT

**Overview Highways and Engineering Division, Department of Transportation**

01:27:58 Dwane Kailey, Department of Transportation (DOT)  
01:29:06 Sen. Rosendale  
01:29:32 Dwane Kailey, DOT  
01:30:16 Sen. Rosendale  
01:30:42 Dwane Kailey, DOT  
01:31:04 Sen. Mehlhoff  
01:31:27 Dwane Kailey, DOT  
01:31:47 Rep. Ballance  
01:32:15 Dwane Kailey, DOT  
01:32:42 Rep. Ballance  
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01:38:09 Larry Flynn, DOT  
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01:39:27 Rep. Mehlhoff  
01:40:47 Mike Bousliman, Department of Transportation (DOT)  
01:41:19 Rep. Mehlhoff  
01:41:49 Mike Bousliman, DOT  
01:42:33 Chairman Glimm  
01:43:08 Larry Flynn, DOT  
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02:01:37      **Recess**

02:13:33      **Reconvened**

**Overview Maintenance Division, Department of Transportation**

02:13:38      Jon Swartz, Department of Transportation (MDT)  
02:17:26      Chairman Glimm  
02:17:30      Jon Swartz, DOT  
02:18:04      Sen. Keane  
02:18:13      Jon Swartz, DOT  
02:21:21      Rep. Mehlhoff  
02:21:41      Jon Swartz, DOT  
02:22:34      Rep. Mehlhoff  
02:22:44      Jon Swartz, DOT  
02:23:30      Rep. Ballance  
02:23:40      Jon Swartz, DOT

**EXHIBIT(jnh30a02)**

02:29:07      Stephen Forrest, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
02:30:39      Rep. Ballance  
02:31:07      Jon Swartz, DOT  
02:31:16      Rep. Ballance  
02:31:32      Sen. Mehlhoff  
02:31:54      Stephen Forrest, LFD  
02:32:18      Rep. Mehlhoff  
02:32:50      Stephen Forrest, LFD  
02:33:22      Chairman Glimm  
02:33:29      Jon Swartz, DOT  
02:33:52      Gerry Murphy, OBPP  
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02:44:23      Sen. Keane  
02:44:29      Jon Swartz, DOT

**Overview Motor Carrier Services Division, Department of Transportation**

02:46:24      Duane Williams, Department of Transportation (DOT)

**Overview Aeronautics Division, Montana Department of Transportation**

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02:49:45 Debbie Alke, Department of Transportation (DOT)  
02:54:36 Chairman Glimm  
02:55:04 Debbie Alke, DOT

**Overview Rail, Transit and Planning Division, Montana Department of Transportation**

02:56:00 Lynn Zanto, Department of Transportation (DOT)  
02:59:01 Sen. Keane  
02:59:07 Lynn Zanto, DOT  
02:59:38 Larry Flynn, DOT  
03:01:20 Sen. Keane  
03:01:36 Larry Flynn, DOT  
03:02:35 Mike Tooley, DOT  
03:02:53 Sen. Keane  
03:03:11 Larry Flynn, DOT  
03:03:32 Chairman Glimm

**Public Comment:**

03:04:19 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)  
03:05:32 Sen. Keane  
03:05:44 Spook Stang, MCM  
03:05:56 Sen. Keane  
03:06:08 Spook Stang, MCM

03:06:43 Chairman Glimm  
03:07:05 Sen. Keane  
03:08:04 Rep. Ellis  
03:08:29 Chairman Glimm  
03:08:51 Sen. Keane  
03:09:09 Chairman Glimm  
03:09:14 Sen. Brenden  
03:10:17 Chairman Glimm  
03:10:34 Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

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Rita Tenneson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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